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SUBJECT: SHELL OIL SIGNS DEEP MEDITERRANEAN OIL EXPLORATION AGREEMENT
WITH MOROCCO

REF: RABAT 5177 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND MERCHANT
MARINE GHISSASSI SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 5 A DEEP MEDITERRANEAN
OIL EXPLORATION AGREEMENT WITH THE SHELL OIL CORPORATION
COVERING AN AREA OF THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN 5000 SQ.
KMS. DEPTHS IN THE AREA TO BE EXPLORED RANGE FROM 500 TO
1500 METERS. COMMERCE MINISTER GHISSASSI NOTED THAT THE
SHELL CONTRACT IS GOM'S SECOND DEEP WATER AGREEMENT AND
FIRST SUCH ACCORD COVERING MEDITERRANEAN RESEARCH.

2. REFERRING TO OTHER RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT, GHISSASSI
NOTED THAT TEST DRILLINGS WILL BEGIN BEFORE END OF 1974

120 KMS.FROM TARFAYA AT 500 M. DEPTH UNDER JOINT ESSO-SHELL
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CONTRACT WITH BRPM; WHILE UNDER BURMAH-BRPM AGREEMENT, TEST

DRILLING WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE END 1974 AT A 260 M. DEPTH
IN AN AREA 35 KMS. OFF LARACHE.NEUMANN

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